

Amendment to the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) An optical analysis system for determining an amplitude of a principal component of an optical signal, the optical analysis system comprising:

a multivariate optical element with at least one electro-wetting ~~reflective LC~~ cell for reflecting the optical signal and thereby weighing the optical signal by a spectral weighing function, and

a detector for detecting the weighed optical signal.

2. (Previously Presented) An optical analysis system as claimed in claim 1, further comprising a dispersive element for spectrally dispersing the optical signal, the multivariate optical element being arranged to receive the dispersed optical signal.

3. (Previously Presented) An optical analysis system as claimed in claim 2, wherein the multivariate optical element comprises a region for receiving a spectral portion of the dispersed optical signal, the region having a reflectivity relating to the spectral weighing function.

4. (Previously Presented) An optical analysis system as claimed in claim 2, wherein the multivariate optical element comprises a region for receiving a spectral portion of the dispersed optical signal, a part of the region being arranged to reflect the dispersed optical signal incident thereon to the detector, another part of the region being arranged to prevent the dispersed optical signal incident thereon from being reflected to the detector.

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Currently Amended) An optical analysis system as claimed in claim 3, wherein [[a]] the at least one electro-wetting ~~reflective~~ LC cell is in the region for receiving a spectral portion of the dispersed optical signal.

7. (Previously Presented) An optical analysis system for determining an amplitude of a principal component of an optical signal, the optical analysis system comprising:

a multivariate optical element for reflecting the optical signal and thereby weighing the optical signal by a spectral weighing function, wherein the multivariate optical element comprises a region for receiving a spectral portion of the dispersed optical signal, the region having a reflectivity relating to the spectral weighing function,

a dispersive element for spectrally dispersing the optical signal, the multivariate optical element being arranged to receive the dispersed optical signal, and

a detector for detecting the weighed optical signal,

wherein the region comprises a reflective electro-wetting cell.

8. (Previously Presented) An optical analysis system as claimed in claim 2, wherein the detector comprises a first detector for detecting the optical signal weighted by a first spectral weighing function and a second detector for detecting the optical signal weighted by a second spectral weighing function, the multivariate optical element being arranged to reflect a first part of the dispersed optical signal weighted by the first spectral weighing function to the first detector and a second part of the optical signal weighted by the second spectral weighing function to the second detector.

9. (Previously Presented) An optical analysis system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the multivariate optical element comprises a first multivariate optical element weighing the optical signal by a first partial weighing function and a second multivariate optical element for weighing the optical signal weighed by the first partial weighing function by a second partial weighing function.

10. (Previously Presented) An optical analysis system as claimed in claim 1, further comprising a light source for providing light for illuminating a sample comprising a substance having a concentration and thereby generating the principal component, the amplitude of the principal component relating to the concentration of the substance.

11. (Previously Presented) A blood analysis system comprising an optical analysis system as claimed in claim 10, the sample comprising blood.

12. (Previously Presented) A method of determining an amplitude of a principal component of an optical signal, the method comprising the steps of:

reflecting the optical signal by a multivariate optical element having a spectral reflectivity corresponding to a spectral weighing function, and

detecting the optical signal reflected by the multivariate optical element,

wherein the multivariate optical element comprises a region for receiving a spectral portion of the dispersed optical signal, the region having a reflectivity relating to the spectral weighing function and at least one reflective electro-wetting cell.

13. (Previously Presented) An optical analysis system as claimed in claim 7, wherein a first part of the region is arranged to reflect the dispersed optical signal incident thereon to the detector, and a second part of the region being arranged to prevent the dispersed optical signal incident thereon from being reflected to the detector.

14. (Cancelled)

15. (Previously Presented) An optical analysis system as claimed in claim 7, wherein the detector comprises a first detector for detecting the optical signal weighted by a first spectral weighing function and a second detector for detecting the

optical signal weighted by a second spectral weighing function, the multivariate optical element being arranged to reflect a first part of the dispersed optical signal weighted by the first spectral weighing function to the first detector and a second part of the optical signal weighted by the second spectral weighing function to the second detector.

16. (Previously Presented) An optical analysis system as claimed in claim 7, wherein the multivariate optical element comprises a first multivariate optical element weighing the optical signal by a first partial weighing function and a second multivariate optical element for weighing the optical signal weighed by the first partial weighing function by a second partial weighing function.

17. (Previously Presented) An optical analysis system as claimed in claim 7, further comprising a light source for providing light for illuminating a sample comprising a substance having a concentration and thereby generating the principal component, the amplitude of the principal component relating to the concentration of the substance.

18. (Previously Presented) A blood analysis system comprising an optical analysis system as claimed in claim 17, the sample comprising blood.